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The national capital is peculiarly a paradise for carriage and horseback riding. The city supports more lively stables than any place of its size in the world. In addition, there are great numbers of private teams. Many of latter are owned by government clerks and small business men.

A reporter of THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN made a tour of the city's lively stables yesterday in search of information concerning this popular pastime of driving.

There are more teams hired out on Sunday than any other day," said a veteran liveryman. "That is because Sunday is the merchant's and workman's holiday. People of taste and money consider it quite vulgar to ride out on Sunday. They don't want to mingle with the 'common herd' you know. The Sabbath is also 'sparking day' for young mechanics and store clerks, who consolidate the pleasure of a whole week into a few hours with these sweethearts, gliding rapidly over our smooth streets, or jogging along the wooded lanes of the surrounding country. Of course this class of customers do not make princely salaries, but they cheerfully divide their stipend with their boarding house keeper and some liveryman."

"Do your customers, as a rule, ask for tame horses or wild ones?"

"There is a decided craze in this city for lively horses—nags that will make good time. We can only hire 'plugs' to old gentlemen who take their families out for a quiet drive. It makes no difference whether a young man is a good driver or not; he invariably wants a wild horse."

"The principal drives are the soldiers' home and Brightwood roads, Bladensburg, Great Falls of the Potomac, and Arlington. The latter is not much patronized now as it was five years ago."

"What are the ruling prices for carriages and saddle horses?"

"During the week light one-horse vehicles are hired at \$4 per day, while on Sunday we get \$5 for the same teams. Two-horse teams hire for \$6 per day during the week and \$8 on Sunday. For an afternoon drive we charge \$3 for a single team. A good saddle horse hires for \$3 per day, both on week days and Sunday."

"The most popular vehicles are landaus for four persons; coupes, for two persons; extension Surveys, for four persons; village carts, and the phaeton cart. The latter is something new. It is a two-wheeled vehicle, and is almost a facsimile of the old-time dogcart. Phaetons have almost gone out of fashion. Village carts are quite popular with certain people. This is probably due to the fact that they were introduced into this city by people of the 'upper ten'."

Another liveryman, who makes a specialty of hiring saddle horses, said: "My business is principally with young men of good shape. They can show their physique off to a better advantage on a saddle horse than they can in a carriage or even on a bicycle. A large number of horseback riders go to the National Fair grounds, and especially those who are fond of hurdle jumping. They use the hurdles in the fair grounds. Good jumping horses are always in active demand. Some of the young men who are fond of jumping horses go out on the seventh street road near the Schuetzen park and jump their animals across the numerous ditches in that locality. Horseback riding is becoming quite popular among department clerks, who form a majority of the riders. Day and black horses are the favorite colors."

Other liverymen stated that the driving season will begin in earnest on May 1 and that it will be a busy one on account of this season of congress being longer than usual.

In some of the stables a warning to reckless and cruel drivers is displayed. It is a placard printed in large type, and containing the announcement of a case prosecuted by the Humane society, in which the driver of a hired team was fined \$175 or six months in jail for "overdriving and abusing a horse."

The proprietor of one of the most extensive hiring, sale, hack, and cab stables in the city said it was almost an impossibility to estimate the seating capacity of all the vehicles in Washington. There are fifty regularly licensed stables, besides many "irregulars." This gentleman thought, however, that there are enough vehicles in Washington to seat the entire population, men, women, and children.

Referring to the "night-liners," he said: "They are like the Indian, doomed to the extinction. The entry of heretic cabs and hansoms has proved too much for them. 'Night-liners' are as old as the city itself. They do a thriving business during the winter and summer months. On account of their peculiar associations, this class of carriers invest their earnings largely in the midnight luxuries of life, which prevents them from becoming rich men."

IMPORTATION OF LABOR.

Prohibitions and Penalties Proposed to Prevent Importation of Low-Priced Labor Under Contract.

The bill to protect American laborers, reported favorably to the senate yesterday from the committee on education and labor by Mr. George, provides that the importation or migration from any foreign country into any place within the jurisdiction of the United States of any alien, under any contract, expressed or implied, that such alien shall work, labor for, or in any wise serve, in said jurisdiction any person or corporation, shall hereafter be prohibited; that every such agreement shall be considered null and void; that any advance of the cost of transportation or any part thereof, or agreement to pay or secure such transportation of any alien to any place within the jurisdiction of the United States made by any person engaged in mining, manufacturing, building, or transportation, or by any corporation whatever, shall hereafter be prohibited.

It provides a penalty of \$500 for each and every violation of these provisions, and that it shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$1,000 and disqualification from holding office under the United States for any person while in the official service of the United States who violates any of the provisions of this act, or to knowingly aid and encourage such violation.

It also provides that it shall be a misdemeanor for a master or other officer of a vessel of American registry to knowingly bring from any foreign country into the United States any alien who is under any agreement prohibited by this act, and that such misdemeanor shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 for each and every alien so transported on his vessel.

Comptroller of Currency and Solicitor.

It is expected that the President will in a few days nominate a successor to Mr. Knox as comptroller of the currency, and fill the vacancy in the office of solicitor of the treasury which has existed since the death of Judge Kayser. There is an impression at the treasury department that Mr. Cannon, of Minnesota, will be named for the first office and that Assistant Solicitor Robinson will be made solicitor. The President yesterday received a petition from the Knights of Labor opposing the appointment of any person designated by the national banking interests, and incidentally urging the appointment of ex-Treasurer Gilliland.

The New Orleans Exposition.

The house committee on appropriations yesterday agreed to favorably report Representative Ellis's bill with amendments providing for the loaning of \$1,000,000 by the government to the world's industrial and cotton centennial exposition to augment and enhance its success in such manner as the board of management may determine. One-third of the amount is to be available immediately after the passage of the bill, and the remainder to be paid in four monthly payments thereafter. The bill as agreed upon provides that no greater amount shall be expended upon buildings, grounds, and preparations than the aggregate sum that may be secured by subscription to the capital

stock by donations by the amount of the loan. In the distribution of the amount that may remain in the treasury of the board of management after the payment of the current expenses of the administration, the amount of the appropriation by the government shall be paid in full into the treasury of the United States before any dividend or percentage of profits shall be paid to the holders of stock.

ORGANS.

Something for Those Contemplating the Purchase of an Instrument to Read and Hear.

With the exception of the sewing machine, there is probably nothing so popular throughout the length and breadth of this land as the parlor organ, and there is certainly nothing so calculated to render the home circle so bright and happy as this instrument. As a piece of furniture it is handsome, and an ornament to any parlor, and then it is inexpensive, and can be bought at a very moderate price and on reasonable terms of payment. The best instruments in the world are made by Mason & Hamlin, Geo. Woods & Co.'s Smith American Organ company, and Fort Wayne Organ company, and are sold in our city by the old and reliable firm of John F. Ellis & Co., 937 Pennsylvania avenue, near Tenth street. They sell a magnificent organ for \$100, payable \$10 cash, and the balance at the exceedingly low rate of \$3 per month, and they also have a large stock of lower and higher priced instruments; and, strange as it may seem, they exchange fine new organs for old pianos. We endorse this firm, and recommend our readers to patronize them.

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A Colored Elocutionist.

The colored elocutionist, T. C. Scott, had a testimonial benefit last night at Lincoln hall, which was attended by several hundred persons, both white and colored. Mr. Scott gave a reading of Poe's "Raven," and appeared in one act each of Shakespeare's "Shylock" and "Moor of Venice," and "Onello." He displayed considerable dramatic talent, and is an excellent elocutionist. Mr. Scott proposes going to Europe to complete his dramatic education before appearing upon the stage.

Wrestling Match.

Manager Snelbaker has completed arrangements for a wrestling match between the Japanese wrestler, Matsada Sorakichi, and Duncan C. Ross. The match is for \$1,000, and will be under the personal supervision of Richard K. Fox. Five bouts will be wrestled in the Japanese and catch-as-catch-can style, the man gaining three falls winning the match.

Shook George's Hatchet, 820 F street.

More Money for Mississippi River Improvement.

Maj. Harold, of the Mississippi river commission, was before the house committee on levees and improvement of the Mississippi river yesterday. He said that work could be carried on expeditiously on three or four reaches at the same time, and that the Plum point and Providence reaches will be completed within a year. As a rough estimate, he said \$12,000,000 would construct a complete line of levees two and a half feet above high water from Cairo to New Orleans.

Wise and Baker will pitch and catch to-day.

National Association of Amateur Oarsmen.

H. W. Garfield, president of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, has issued a call to the executive committee to meet at the Gilsey house, New York, this evening. The time and place for holding the next annual regatta will be settled at this meeting.

Boston's Unions vs. Nationals at Capitol park.

CONDENSED LOCALS.

Maj. Powell will lecture at the museum this afternoon on "The Canyons of the Colorado."

The Phoenix club gave a pleasant soiree at Sheldon's dancing school, which was attended by about one hundred persons.

The commissioners have allowed C. F. Willett to move a pump from inside the park to the corner of the lake and street, northward, to the front of his house, at his own expense.

A certified copy of the will of the late Emilie A. Sands, of Wayne county, Michigan, was filed with the register of wills yesterday. She was all her property to her husband, F. P. Sands, during his life.

Lincoln post, No. 3, G. A. R., will hold memorial services at their hall, corner seventh and I streets northward, to-morrow at 10 o'clock, in respect to the memory of the comrades of the post who died during the year.

Prof. Benedict will begin his tests of milk and lard on Monday next, and the health office is busy collecting samples of both. The professor states that there is a large amount of adulterated milk and lard sold here for the genuine articles, and the authorities will make an attempt to stop its sale.

The final lecture of the course delivered under the auspices of the Anthropologic and Ethnologic societies will be given by Maj. Powell, director of the geological survey, in the lecture hall of the national museum at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. The subject is the exploration of the Colorado river of the west. The public is invited.

The commissioners have notified Hon. J. K. McCammon that they desire to know of the propriety of the "Association for Work of Mercy." They say that an institution of that kind must be "conducted without income, except to its inmates, or profits," to be exempt from taxation.

E. Tebree, of No. 41 Rue Honore, Paris, has written a letter to the commissioners asking for information about a certain Mrs. Jennie Joyner, widow of Tobey Joyner. The letter states that Mrs. Joyner is about 30 years of age, and is quite wealthy. Her relatives in France are apprehensive about her, having last heard from her about two years ago. The commissioners will inquire as to the lady's whereabouts.

Yesterday, in the hearing before Samuel C. Mills, United States commissioner, in the case of John C. Parker and Henry J. Plumb, charged with sending letters to Louisiana, the city mails, the prosecution closed its case after offering testimony to show that Plumb's mail was sent to Louisiana, and that Parker's mail was sent to the city postoffice; that letters taken from that box were delivered to Plumb, and that on one occasion, when a number of letters were mailed, envelopes bearing the stamp of J. C. Parker, several of the letters were marked by postoffice inspectors, and were identified by him. The case was adjourned until Monday.

Soaked to the Skin.

"I am completely soaked. I don't believe there is a dry thread on me. I never got such a soaking. What a pity we couldn't have pleasant weather. It's my opinion, Maggie, that the ghost of George III must have followed the example of Jerry Cruncher's wife, and 'flopped again' the business."

"What's your view on that, but it is a burning shame—that's what it is. Here's my new dress utterly spoiled, and I ache all over from standing four hours in the pouring rain. I'm certain we shall all be sick."

The above short dialogue occurred between two stylish young ladies as they descended the steps of the Twenty-third street station of the sixth Avenue Elevated Railroad, New York, at 3 o'clock on Election Day. Ruined robes, hats, boots, gloves, furs, drums, uniforms, &c., were thick among the wreckage of that stormy occasion. But worse remains behind. Of the million people who took part in or witnessed the great parade, probably one-half caught more or less serious colds. They met the enemy and they are his. Result: Pains and aches in the back, limbs, chest, and neck, and lameness, stiffness, and soreness from head to foot.

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